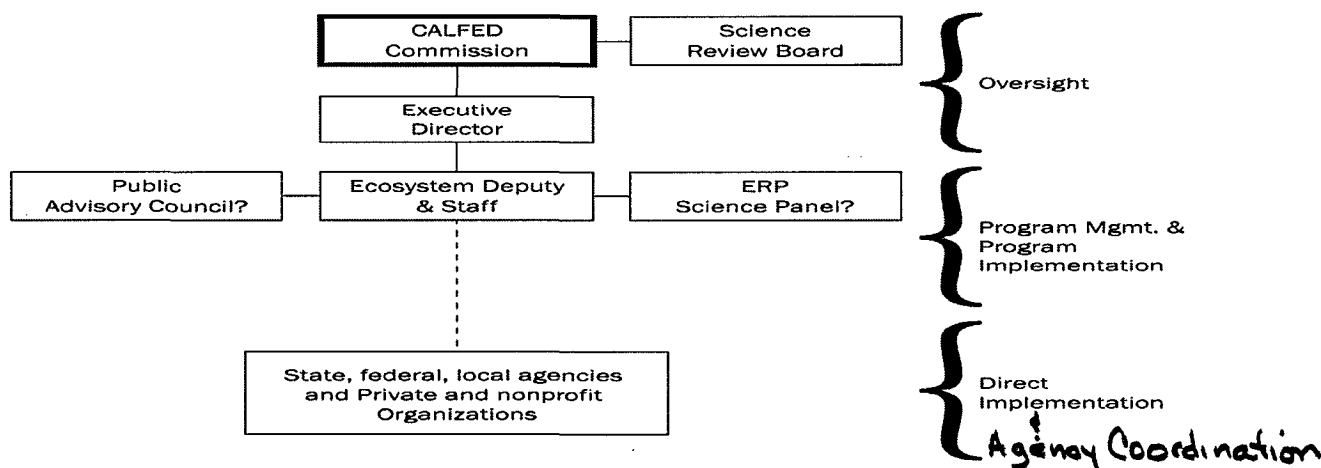


ERP Organization --Option 1/CET Proposal



Program Management--Deputy for Ecosystem within the Commission would be responsible for program management of the Ecosystem Program. The Commission would be the primary point of accountability for the ERP.

Program implementation of the ERP would be performed within the Commission. The ERP staff would manage the program involving setting ERP priorities, managing budgets, issuing and overseeing contracts, managing public and scientific input review, and coordinating with other CALFED programs and related ecosystem programs. Commission staffing for the ERP would probably be significantly larger than some of the other programs. The Commission would coordinate closely with those agencies that receive CALFED ERP funds (such as the Bay-Delta Act Funds appropriated to the USBR), and with agencies that manage related ecosystem programs (such as the CVPIA program). Direct implementation for the ERP would be done through contracts to state, federal, local agencies or private and nonprofit organizations.

Funding. New funding for the ERP from the state would be appropriated to the Commission. For example, the \$390 million from Proposition 204 would be appropriated to the Commission. New funding on the federal side could either be appropriated to the Commission (if it is established as a federal entity) or to existing federal agencies. To the extent funding for the ERP is appropriated to existing state or federal agencies, (as currently done with the federal Bay Delta Act funds) the Commission would still be given the lead for identifying the priorities and projects for the funds, and the agencies would be responsible for final review and approval of the funding.

ERP Science Panel. The relationship between a CALFED Science Review Board and the science and technical review at the program level needs further discussion and clarification. The Draft Governance Plan proposes an ERP science panel that would provide scientific review of ERP priorities, project selection, and project performance. The ERP science panel would coordinate with the CALFED Science Review Board.